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MEMORANDUM

TO: Import/Export Section, Animal Health Division
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FROM: Jeanne M. Rankin, DVM 
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DATE: November 5, 2009

RE: Equine Piroplasmosis

Due to the recent discovery of Piroplasmosis currently affecting six Texas counties (**Jim Wells, Nueces, Kleberg, Kenedy, Brooks, and Willacy**) import requirements for horses have been changed.

The new requirements are outlined below:

1. Texas horses that do not originate from one of the six affected counties require the following veterinarian's statement on the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI):

"I personally inspected the equine represented on this certificate for ticks, including ear ticks. The animals do not originate from one of the affected counties in Texas and there has been no known exposure to Equine Piroplasmosis in the past 30 days."
2. Texas horses that originate from one of the six counties or those that do not qualify for the above statement must have a current 30-day negative Piroplasmosis test and must have been treated with Ivermectin for ticks at the time of inspection. The test and treatment dates must be indicated on the CVI and prior entry import permit.
3. Montana horses traveling to any destination in Texas, including those affected counties, and returning to Montana on a 10-day permit have no additional requirements.
4. Montana horses that travel to Texas and do not return on a 10-day permit, must obtain a new certificate of veterinary inspection and import permit and, depending on their travel destination(s), must qualify for the statement in #1 or have the negative test and treatment outlined in #2.

Any exceptions to these requirements must have prior approval by the State Veterinarian or his designated staff veterinarian.